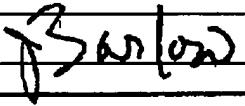


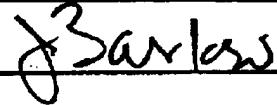
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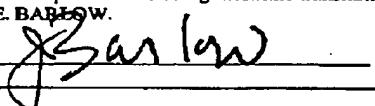
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Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 18 of this paper.